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SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

1. PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE DURING MEETINGS ON MARCH 9 AND 20 DISCUSSED THE PREPARATION OF STUDIES AND PUBLICATIONS, A FILM ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, AND ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, NOVEMBER 29. A LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON SOUTH LEBANON (POUCHED TO IO/UNP AND OTHER ADDRESSEES) WAS APPROVED AT THE SECOND MEETING. IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE'S INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AS AN OBSERVER IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN AUGUST, 1978 WAS ANNOUNCED.

2. SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR THE SIX STUDIES ARE: (A) THE
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RIGHT OF RETURN, (B) THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, (C) AN ANALYSIS OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE COMMITTEE, (D) THE ORIGIN OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, (E) A CRITICAL AND ANALYTICAL STUDY OF ALL RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE, AND (F) A HISTORY OF PALESTINE. THE SEVERAL "BULLETINS" TO BE ISSUED PERIODICALLY BY THE COMMITTEE WERE DISCUSSED

WITH THEMATIC FOCUS ON VIOLATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND STATEMENTS DEALING WITH EVENTS IN THE REGION. ON THE FILM TO BE PRODUCED BY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, PLO OBSERVER TERZI POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING IT COMPLETED BEFORE THE SOLIDARITY DAY ON NOVEMBER 29.

3. MEANWHILE THE SPECIAL UNIT ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE SECRETARIAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/40B. THE THREE NEW APPOINTMENTS ARE: IQBAL RIZA, P-4 (PAKISTAN), HUBERT PINCON, P-3, (BENIN), AND AUBREY NKOMO, P-3, (SOUTH AFRICA). THE CHIEF OF THE UNIT IS YOGARAJ YOGASUNDRAM (SRI LANKA) WHO ALSO SERVES AS SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. RIZA WILL SERVE AS YOGASUNDRAM'S DEPUTY IN BOTH THE UNIT AND THE COMMITTEE. THE SPECIAL UNIT AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMITTEE ARE ORGANIZATIONALLY LOCATED WITHIN OFFICE OF UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS, WILLIAM B. BUFFUM. (NOTE: THE COMMITTEE IS MEETING WITH GREATER FREQUENCY THAN LAST YEAR, BUT SPECIFIC RESULTS ARE STILL SCANT. USUN WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR CLOSELY THE COMMITTEE'S AND SPECIAL UNIT'S ACTIVITIES. LEONARD

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